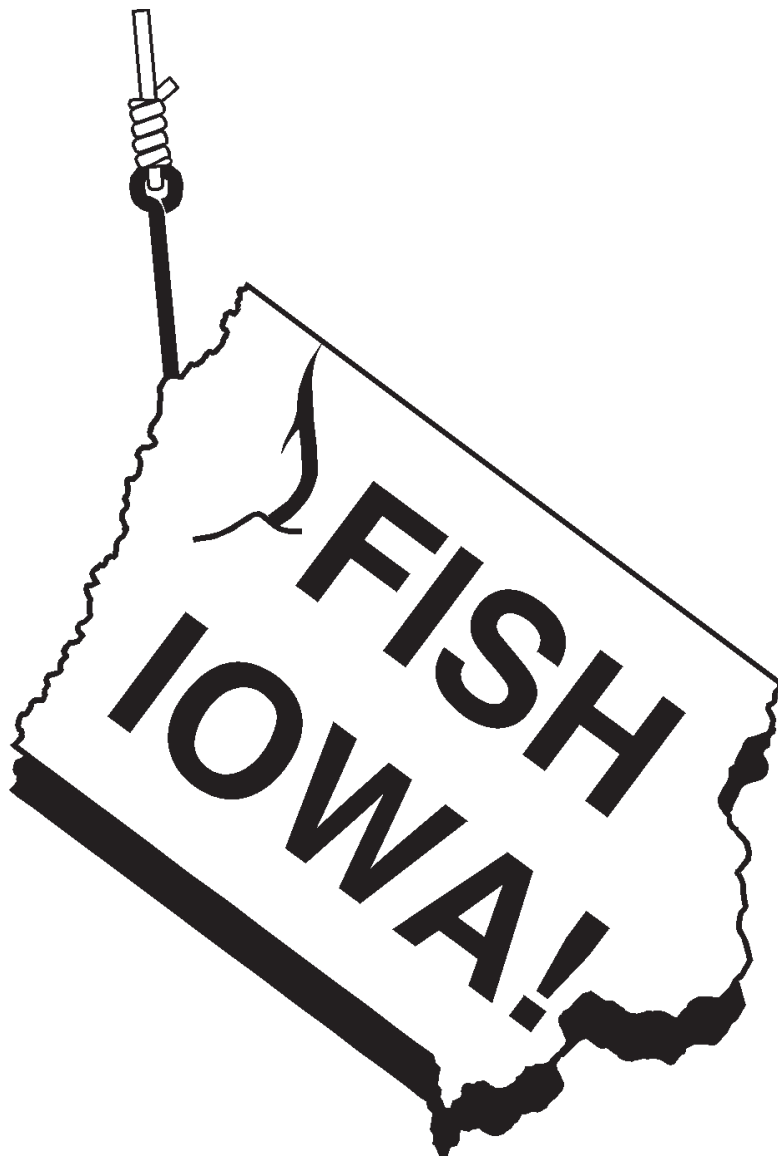


An Organizer's Guide to



Conducting a Fishing Clinic



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Foreword

The following pages contain a brief outline of how to plan and conduct a fishing clinic. This document is designed for agencies, organizations, or individuals to use as a guide. The sample station layout references the *Fish Iowa!* teaching module, *Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs*®, the *Aquatic Resources Education Curriculum* (AREC), the *4H Fish Iowa Responsible Angling Guide*, and the *Passport to Fishing and Boating Program* so clinic organizers and station leaders can easily find pertinent background information, etc. The appendices include resource materials and persons a clinic organizer might utilize.

The Department of Natural Resources Aquatic Education Program provides the *Fish Iowa!* instructional module, *Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs* materials, and associated instructional aids to clinic organizers, educators, and youth leaders free of charge through one-on-one training sessions.

For more information about conducting a clinic in your area, contact your local DNR fisheries office or the Aquatic Education Coordinator at (641) 747-2200.

This information is available in alternative formats by contacting the DNR at 515/281-5145 (TTY users - contact Relay Iowa, 800/735-2942) or by writing the DNR at 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034.

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How to Use This Document

Clinic Checklist

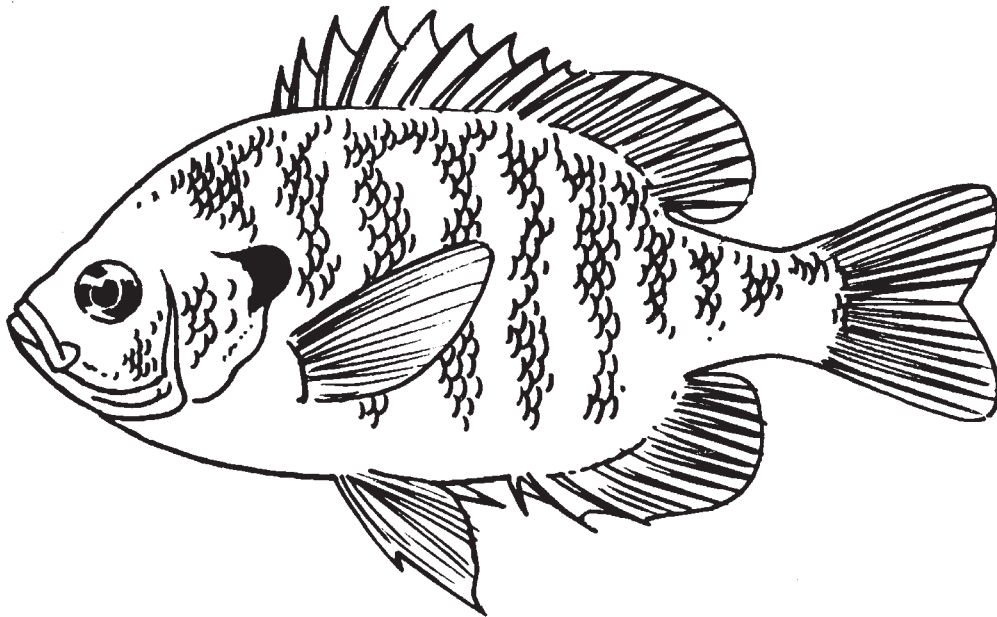
This checklist should help get you organized. It includes a brief listing of “To Do” items that need to be taken care of as you plan and conduct the event.

Suggested Station Format

This section includes outlines for six basic “stations” which can be set up to conduct your clinic. The outline includes a list of *objectives* for each station; *materials* needed by the instructor; *handouts* that might be provided to clinic participants at each station (some of these are from the *Fish Iowa!* and *4-H Fish Iowa Responsible Angling* materials); and *references* which provide information about the topic covered at the station.

Appendices

The appendices include listings of possible *resource organizations/agencies/people* who might be involved in your clinic; an annotated list of *reference materials* noted in the station format outline, and a *sample registration form, news release, and clinic schedule*.



Clinic Checklist

Before the Event

Planning

- _____ *Begin three to six months in advance*, especially if it's your first clinic. NOTE: June is an optimal month because youngsters are out of school, the weather usually is cooperative, National Fishing and Boating Week is observed, and Free Fishing Days occur in Iowa. However, if you wish to avoid the competition for DNR Fisheries staff time and you would like to advertise your program through schools, May might be a better choice – you can promote National Fishing and Boating Week and Free Fishing Days.
- _____ Choose a site that provides room for instruction and fishing. Make sure there are bathroom facilities, etc.
- _____ Recruit volunteers and co-sponsors. Possibilities include: local angling or conservation clubs, city recreation departments, local media, civic clubs, and retailers.
- _____ Obtain reference materials – get trained in the *Fish Iowa!* and *Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs®* materials if you want instructional materials to assist your presenters. (See the “Reference Materials” appendix.)
- _____ Make out a schedule for the day. Include time for stations, breaks, lunch, and fishing. This may be incorporated into a program to be handed out to participants, but even if you don't make programs available, you should provide this information to instructors, etc.
- _____ Contact the DNR Aquatic Education Program for free handouts, etc. (2473 160th Rd., Guthrie Center, IA 50115)

Prizes/Souvenirs

- _____ Prepare souvenir programs for the event. Include the date, location, and co-sponsors of the clinic.
- _____ Optional: Provide door prizes and/or refreshments. Door prizes and refreshments may be donated by a local retailer, service club, etc. It is much better to have more door prizes of lesser value so all participants are “winners.” Note: Clinics and derbies are NOT the same thing – clinics are to instruct, derbies are competition. (They both have their place, but should be done separately.)
- _____ Provide certificates of participation. You can make your own or obtain *Fish Iowa!* certificates from the DNR Aquatic Education Program.

Supplies

- _____ Obtain equipment and tackle. The DNR Aquatic Education Program has free loan rods and reels available at several locations. A list of distribution centers is included.
- _____ Obtain live fish, posters, etc. for identification purposes.
- _____ Obtain fish for cleaning and filleting demonstrations and practice.

Safety/Liability

- _____ Prepare registration/release-of-liability forms for participants. A sample is included.

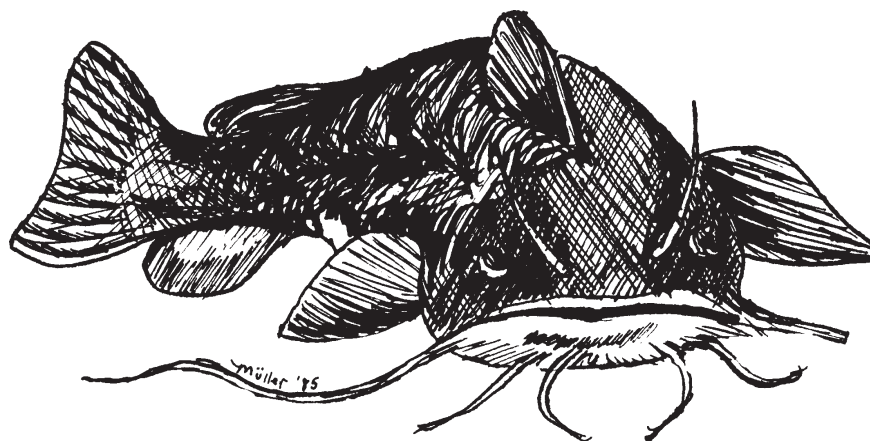
The Day of the Event

Planning/Organization

- _____ Arrange stations so that participants can move easily from one to the other. (You might want to make signs to mark each of the stations as well as bathrooms, refreshments, fishing area, etc.)
- _____ Meet instructors and volunteers at the site two hours before the clinic starts to set up equipment and go over the schedule for the day. Point out each person's duties.
- _____ Set up a check-in table with registration forms, name tags, and programs. Allow at least thirty minutes registration time prior to the start of the clinic. A sample program is enclosed.
- _____ Make sure rods and reels, terminal tackle, and bait are ready to go.
- _____ Make sure refreshments and any needed ice, cups, or napkins are available. (Note: Try to minimize the use of disposable containers and plates – promote conservation!)

Safety/Liability

- _____ Have a first aid kit on hand with plenty of insect repellent, sunscreen, etc.



Beginning Angler Program - Suggested Station Format

The purpose of a beginning angler program is to provide people with basic knowledge needed to begin fishing and to educate people about the aquatic environment and importance of clean water to good fishing. Lecture, demonstrations, and activities should be combined to maximize learning experiences. Participants won't pursue the sport if they don't have fun, but you also want to produce *responsible* resource users.

General Format

Introduction

After registration is completed, introduce yourself and each of the other instructors. Place participants into groups according to age and/or experience. The number of groups should be the same as the number of instructors/stations. Try to keep the number of participants in each group about equal – the most effective group size is ten to fifteen participants (groups should NOT exceed twenty-five participants). If the number of registrants does not allow this, then add stations – either duplicate stations, or break activities down to make more stations. Sessions for each station should not exceed twenty minutes in duration.

Station #1: Water Safety, Fishing Regulations, and Ethics

Objectives

1. List the basic “rules” for dressing in the out-of-doors.
2. List some “safety” gear that an angler should always carry.
3. Describe some safety precautions around water.
4. List fish that are protected by catch and/or length limits in Iowa – explain how these regulations help maintain the fish populations.
5. Describe some impacts that human activities can have on the aquatic and fisheries resources (including watershed use, over harvest of fish, others).
6. Have participants list some ways they can help maintain healthy aquatic resources.
7. List some uses of money from fishing license sales.

Materials

Personal floatation devices (PFD's)
First aid kit
Sunscreen
Insect repellent

Handouts

Iowa Fishing Regulations
Length limit rulers
Fish Iowa! p. 9-12
4-H Fish Iowa Responsible Angling Guide

References

Fish Iowa! Unit #1: Introduction to Fishing (p. 7-13)

HOFNOD: Angling Skills - Safety In and Around the Water (p. 28-29); Human Dimensions - Fishing Ethics (p. 5), Fishing Regulations (p. 6-7), Human Impact (p. 2-4)

4-H Fish Iowa Responsible Angling Guide Ch. 1: "Getting Ready to Go Fishing"

Passport to Fishing and Boating: Boat Smart, Boat Safe

Station #2: Fish Identification

Objectives

1. Describe the general characteristics of a fish and the special adaptations it has for living in an aquatic environment.
2. Identify species of fish common to Iowa waters (especially game fish).
3. Describe the feeding habits of certain species and relate this to the strategies anglers use to catch them.

Materials

Fish (live)

Fish group posters

Fish Iowa! - An Introductory Guide to the Fish of Iowa

Iowa Fish and Fishing

Handouts

Fish Iowa! - An Introductory Guide to the Fish of Iowa

4-H Fish Iowa Responsible Angling Guide

Fish Iowa! p. 38

Biodiversity of Iowa: Aquatic Habitats CD

References

Fish Iowa! Unit #2: Fish Senses and Characteristics (p. 23-38)

HOFNOD: Fish Biology - Identification of Common Fish Species (p. 6-10)

4-H Fish Iowa Responsible Angling Guide Ch. 2: "Fishing Fun"

Passport to Fishing and Boating: Fish Habitat and Handling; Local Information

Station #3: Tackle Types

Objectives

1. Name the parts of a spincasting rod and reel and describe the function of each.
2. Show various types of terminal tackle.
3. Explain the importance of balanced tackle.
4. List species of fish likely to be caught with different types of terminal tackle.

Materials

Spincasting rods and reels
Tackle (examples of basic terminal tackle)
Lures

Handouts

Fish Iowa! p. 57-58
4-H Fish Iowa Responsible Angling Guide

References

Fish Iowa! Unit #3: *Basic Tackle and Spincasting* (p. 41-42), Unit #4: *Baits and Lures* (p. 57-60)
HOFNOD: *Angling Skills - Getting Started* (p. 2-9), *Lures and Baits* (p. 15-23), *Tackle Maintenance* (p. 30)
4-H Fish Iowa Responsible Angling Guide Ch. 1: “Getting Ready to Go Fishing”

Station #4: Knot Tying and Tackle Assembly

Objectives

1. Demonstrate a basic fishing knot and have participants practice the knot.
2. Demonstrate a basic terminal tackle rigging and have participants practice setting up tackle.

Materials

Knot tying boards or other materials to practice knot tying
Terminal tackle and line for assembly

Handouts

Fish Iowa! p. 43
4-H Fish Iowa Responsible Angling Guide

References

Fish Iowa! Unit #3: *Basic Tackle and Spincasting* (p. 42-43)
HOFNOD: *Angling Skills - Getting Started* (p. 2-9)
4-H Fish Iowa Responsible Angling Guide: Ch. 2: “Fishing Fun”
Passport to Fishing and Boating: Fishing Knots & Rigging

Station #5: Casting, Hooking, and Landing the Catch

Objectives

1. List casting “do’s” and “don’ts.”
2. Describe the procedure for setting the hook.
3. Describe how to land a fish.
4. Describe how to catch and release a fish.
5. Demonstrate proper spincasting techniques and have participants practice.

Materials

Spincasting rods and reels
Casting plugs
Casting targets

Handouts

Fish Iowa! p. 44-45
4-H Fish Iowa Responsible Angling Guide

References

Fish Iowa! Unit #3: *Basic Tackle and Spincasting* (p. 44-50); Unit #5: *Landing and Caring for the Catch* (p. 67-68)
HOFNOD: *Angling Skills - Casting* (p. 10-14), *Hooking, Playing, and Releasing the Fish* (p. 24)
4-H Fish Iowa Responsible Angling Guide Ch. 2: “Fishing Fun”
Passport to Fishing and Boating: Casting; Fish Habitat & Handling

Station #6: Fish Cleaning

Objectives

- 1 . Demonstrate proper techniques for cleaning/skinning/filleting fish. OPTIONAL: Allow participants to try one or more methods of preparing fish.
- 2 . OPTIONAL: Do a cooking demonstration and allow participants to try prepared fish.
- 3 . OPTIONAL: Describe methods of preserving the catch in the field.
- 4 . OPTIONAL: Describe procedures for longterm preservation of fish.

Materials

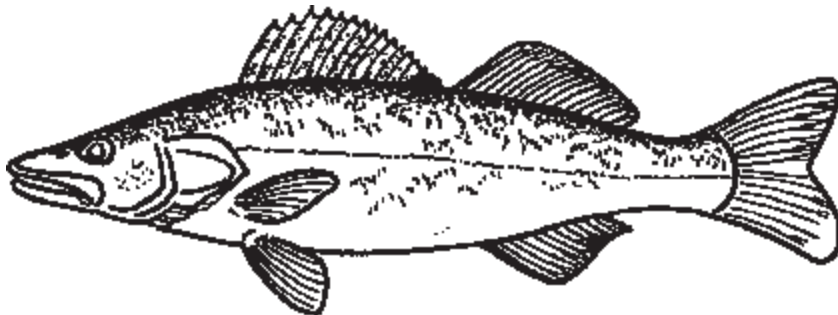
Fish (whole – fresh or frozen)
Fillet knives, boards, and gloves
Knife sharpener
Water, towels, newspapers
Containers for meat and refuse
OPTIONAL: Deep fryer or electric skillet, ingredients for fish batter

Handouts

Fish Iowa! p. 69-74
4-H Fish Iowa Responsible Angling Guide

References

Fish Iowa! Unit #5: *Landing and Caring for the Catch* (p. 68-74)
HOFNOD: *Angling Skills - Cleaning and Cooking the Fish* (p. 25)
4-H Fish Iowa Responsible Angling Guide Ch. 2: “Fishing Fun”



Fishing Experience

After participants have completed the circuit of stations they should have the opportunity to practice their new skills. The fishing experience should be at least an hour. Make sure that enough volunteers/instructors are on hand should participants need assistance. If your clinic is for youngsters, assign “fishing buddies” for those not accompanied by an adult. If you have clinic participants over sixteen years of age, remember they must have a license unless the clinic is conducted during Free Fishing Days.

Wind-up

Call participants together at the end of the fishing period. Hand out certificates of participation, door prizes, and any awards you are distributing at this time. Make sure that awards are not such that competition becomes a top priority of participants. It is important that everyone leave the event feeling successful.

General handouts which may be distributed at this time:

Ready, Set... Go Fishing
Aquatic Animals Activity Book
Iowa Lake Fishing Guide
Fish Iowa! buttons
Fish Iowa! certificates

Resource Organizations, Agencies, and People

DNR Aquatic Education Program

2473 160th Road

Guthrie Center, IA 50115

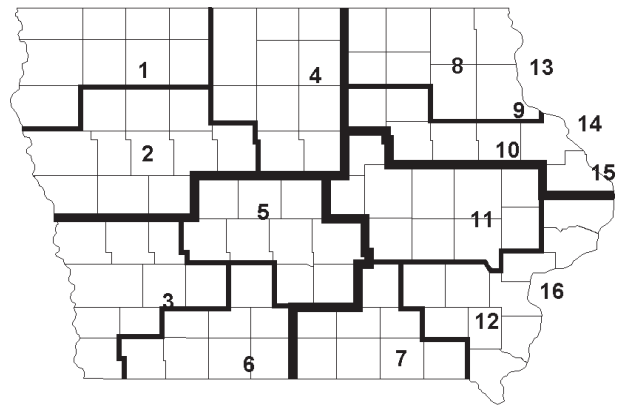
Phone/fax:(641)747-2200 Email: AquaticEd_Info@dnr.iowa.gov

The Aquatic Education Program provides materials to clinic organizers (see reference materials list) as well as the *Fish Iowa!* teaching module. Clinic organizers can get the module through free training sessions conducted by *Fish Iowa!* mentors. The Aquatic Education Program also prepares state-wide news releases about National Fishing Week and Free Fishing Days in Iowa.

DNR Fisheries Offices

DNR fisheries biologists often assist clinic organizers by doing station presentations. If you are doing a clinic for the first time, a biologist may also be able to help you find an appropriate location and/or co-sponsor(s) for the event.

1. Spirit Lake Hatchery, 122 252nd Ave., Orleans 51360, 712/336-1840
2. Black Hawk District Office, 116 South State Rd., Lake View 51450, 712/657-2638
3. Cold Springs State Park, 57744 Lewis Rd., Lewis 51544, 712/769-2587
4. Clear Lake Station, 1203 N Shore Dr., Clear Lake 50428, 641/357-3517
5. Boone Station, 1436 255th St., Boone 50036, 515/432-2823
6. State Fish Hatchery, 2093 E Loch Ayr Rd., Mount Ayr 50854, 641/464-3108
7. Rathbun Fish Hatchery, 15053 Hatchery Place, Moravia 52571, 641/647-2406
8. Decorah Fish Hatchery, 2321 Siewers Spring Rd., Decorah 52101, 563/382-8324
9. Big Spring Hatchery, 16212 Big Spring Rd., Elkader 52043, 563/245-2446
10. Manchester Fish Hatchery, 22693 205th Ave., Manchester 52057, 563/927-3276
11. Lake Macbride Station, 3475 Hwy. 382 NE, Solon 52333, 319/624-3615
12. Lake Darling Station, 110 Lake Darling Rd., Brighton 52540, 319/694-2430
13. Upper Mississippi River Pools 9-11, 331 S River Park Dr., Guttenberg 52052, 563/252-1156
14. Mississippi River Monitoring Station, 206 Rose St., Bellevue 52031, 563/872-5495
15. Middle Mississippi River Pools 12-15, 24143 Hwy. 52, Bellevue 52031, 563/872-4976
16. Lower Mississippi River Pools 16-19, 3390 Hwy. 22 W, Muscatine 52761, 563/263-5062



DNR Recreational Safety Officers (RSO)

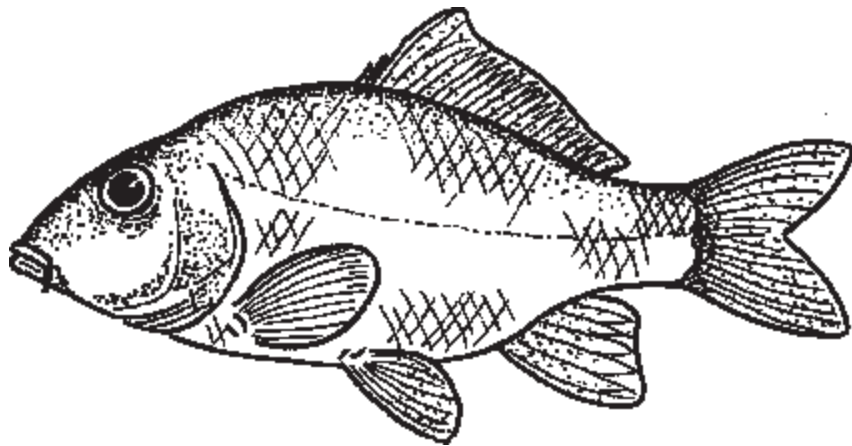
Recreation safety officers are conservation officers whose main emphasis is promoting safe outdoor recreation and providing safety education programs. These programs include: Boating Safety Education, Bowhunter Education and Ethics, Hunter Education, Snowmobile Safety Education, and Trapping Ethics Education. Six RSO's are located throughout the state. Visit www.iowadnr.gov/law/districts.html for a list of district offices and phone numbers.

DNR Conservation Officers (CO)

Conservation officers are law enforcement officers who protect the fish, wildlife, and citizens of Iowa. These officers provide public relations materials including programs for classrooms and youth groups. CO's often assist clinic organizers by doing station presentations and often know of good locations for clinics as well as possible cosponsors who may assist you in your endeavor. CO phone numbers are listed in the current *Iowa Fishing Regulations*.

You also can call your county sheriff or one of the public safety communication centers listed below for the phone number of the conservation officer in your county.

Atlantic	712/243-3854
Cedar Falls	319/277-4761
Cedar Rapids	319/396-4414
Des Moines	515/281-3561
Fairfield	641/472-5001
Storm Lake	712/732-1341



TIP (Turn In Poachers) 1-800-532-2020

County Conservation Boards

Many county conservation boards have environmental education personnel on staff who may be able to assist in planning and/or conducting your clinic. The conservation board in your county may even be sponsoring a clinic already. Look in the yellow pages under county government or visit www.iowadnr.gov/education/ccb.html for contact information.

Fishing Clubs

Fishing clubs are an excellent source for station presenters since members are often very knowledgeable about the sport. They may also be willing to assist in the planning and/or presentation of the event. A list with contact information is available at www.iowadnr.gov/education/fshclub.html.

Service Organizations

Do not underestimate the assistance that can be provided by the wide variety of service organizations out there! They can provide everything from volunteers to financial support for the event. Contact your local organizations to find out how they might want to be involved. A variety of service organizations are already involved in co-sponsoring clinics around the state!

City Parks and Recreation Departments

Parks and Recreation Departments are responsible for developing and/or sponsoring a variety of recreational activities. Several are already involved in putting on fishing clinics, so be sure to contact the parks and recreation department in your town or city.

Rod and Reel Distribution Centers

The following is a listing, by county, of locations where you might obtain DNR free-loan rods and reels. Contact the distribution center nearest you to reserve tackle for your program.

COUNTY	LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY	PHONE	#
Adams	Adams Co. Ext.	603 7th St.	Corning	641/323-3184	24
Allamakee	Allamakee CCB	427 N 1st St.	Harpers Ferry	563/586-2996	25
Appanoose	Appanoose CCB	Sharon Bluffs State Park	Centerville	641/856-8528	25
Audubon	Audubon CCB	2672 Littlefield Rec. Area	Exira	712/268-2762	24
Benton	Benton CCB	1949 Benton Iowa Rd.	Blairstown	319/454-6382	16
Black Hawk	Black Hawk CCB	Hartman Reserve Ntr. Ctr.	Cedar Falls	319/277-2187	74
Black Hawk	Black Hawk Co. Ext.	3420 University Ave.	Waterloo	319/234-6811	39
Boone	Boone CCB	610 H Ave.	Ogden	515/353-4237	25
Boone	(DNR) Boone Rsrch. Sta.	Ledges State Park	Boone	515/432-2823	40
Bremer	Bremer CCB	1104 S Main St.	Tripoli	319/882-4742	64
Buena Vista	Buena Vista CCB	1709 E Richland	Storm Lake	712/749-2563	38
Butler	Butler CCB	Heery Woods Nature Ctr.	Clarksville	319/278-1130	56
Calhoun	Calhoun CCB	1228 High St.	Rockwell City	712/297-7131	24
Carroll	Carroll CCB	Swan Lake State Park	Carroll	712/792-4614	30
Cass	(DNR) SW Dist. Office	Cold Springs State Park	Lewis	712/769-2587	85
Cedar	Cedar CCB	400 Cedar St.	Tipton	563/886-6930	25
Cerro Gordo	Cerro Gordo CCB	3501 Lime Creek Rd.	Mason City	641/423-5309	32
Cerro Gordo	Clear Lake Park & Rec.	800 1st Ave. S	Clear Lake	641/357-7010	16
Cerro Gordo	(DNR) Clear Lake Sta.	1203 N Shore Dr.	Clear Lake	641/357-3517	25
Cherokee	Cherokee CCB	629 River Rd.	Cherokee	712/225-6709	32
Chickasaw	Chickasaw CCB	1811 240th St.	Ionia	641/394-4714	65
Clarke	Clarke CCB	100 S Main; Courthouse	Osceola	641/342-3960	33
Clay	Clay Co. Extension	110 West St., Ste. #100	Spencer	712/262-2264	16
Clayton	Clayton CCB	29862 Osborne Rd.	Elkader	563/245-1516	30
Clayton	Keystone AEA (#1)	1400 2nd St. NW	Elkader	563/245-1480	25
Clinton	Clinton CCB	2308 255th St.	Grand Mound	563/847-7202	24
Crawford	Crawford CCB	YellowSmoke Park	Denison	712/263-3409	40
Dallas	Dallas CCB	1477 K Ave.	Perry	515/465-3577	40
Davis	Davis CCB	22893 215th St.	Bloomfield	641/664-2572	24
Decatur	Decatur CCB	RR# 1 Box 97A	Leon	641/446-7307	33
Des Moines	Des Moines CCB	Starr's Cave Nature Ctr.	Burlington	319/753-5808	50
Dickinson	(DNR) Spirit Lake Office	Spirit Lake Hatchery	Spirit Lake	712/336-1840	50
Dubuque	Dubuque CCB	13768 Swiss Valley Rd.	Peosta	563/556-6745	25
Dubuque	Mines of Spain Rec Area	8991 Bellevue Heights	Dubuque	563/556-0620	16
Emmet	Emmet CCB	2109 Murray Rd.	Estherville	712/362-2510	24
Fayette	Fayette CCB	Gilbertson Nature Ctr.	Elgin	563/426-5740	32
Floyd	Floyd CCB	1257 215th St.	Rockford	641/756-3490	32
Franklin	Franklin CCB	1002 Central Ave. W	Hampton	641/456-4375	33
Greene	Greene CCB	Courthouse	Jefferson	515/386-5674	24
Grundy	Grundy CCB	204 4th St., Box 36	Morrison	319/345-2688	16
Guthrie	Guthrie CCB	206 W South St.	Panora	641/755-3061	30
Hamilton	Hamilton Co. Ext.	311 Bank St.	Webster City	515/832-9597	16
Hancock	Hancock CCB	875 State St.	Garner	641/923-2720	24
Hardin	Hardin CCB	Calkin's Nature Ctr.	Iowa Falls	641/648-9878	32
Harrison	Harrison CCB	2725 Easton Tr.	Woodbine	712/647-2785	25
Henry	Henry CCB	2591 Nature Center Dr.	Mt. Pleasant	319/986-5067	25
Howard	Howard CCB	11562 Valley Dr.	Cresco	563/547-3634	24
Humboldt	Humboldt CCB	Courthouse	Dakota City	515/332-4087	24
Ida	Ida CCB	202 Jasper Ave.	Ida Grove	712/364-3300	25
Iowa	Iowa CCB	2550 G Ave.	Ladora	319/655-8466	48

COUNTY	LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY	PHONE	#
Jackson	Bellevue Research Station	24131 Hwy. 52	Bellevue	563/872-4976	16
Jackson	Jackson CCB	18670 63rd St.	Maquoketa	563/652-3783	25
Jasper	Jasper CCB	115 N 2nd Ave.	Newton	641/792-9780	25
Johnson	(DNR) Lake MacBride	3475 Hwy. 382 NE	Solon	319/624-3615	25
Johnson	Johnson CCB	Kent Park	Oxford	319/645-1011	32
Jones	Jones CCB	12515 Central Park Rd.	Center Junction	563/487-3541	32
Keokuk	Keokuk CCB	19366 240th Ave.	Sigourney	641/622-3757	25
Kossuth	Kossuth CCB	2407 Hwy. 169	Algona	515/295-2138	25
Lee	Lee CCB	2652 Hwy. 61	Montrose	319/463-7673	32
Linn	Linn CCB	10260 Morris Hills Rd.	Toddville	319/892-6485	64
Louisa	Louisa CCB	12635 County Rd. G-56	Wapello	319/523-8381	30
Lucas	Lucas CCB	45996 Hwy. 14	Chariton	641/774-2438	32
Lyon	Lyon CCB	311 1st Ave. E	Rock Rapids	712/472-2217	49
Madison	Madison CCB	2273 Clark Tower Rd.	Winterset	515/462-3536	16
Mahaska	Mahaska CCB	2254 200th St.	New Sharon	641/673-9327	56
Marion	Marion CCB	Cordova Park	Oltey	641/627-5935	24
Mills	Mills CCB	56235 Deacon Rd.	Pacific Junction	712/527-9685	16
Mitchell	Mitchell CCB	18793 Hwy. 9	Osage	641/732-5204	25
Monona	Lewis & Clark Park	21914 Park Loop	Onawa	712/423-2829	25
Monroe	Monroe Co. Extension	117 1/2 Washington Ave.	Albia	641/932-5612	24
Montgomery	Montgomery CCB	2059 190th St.	Red Oak	712/623-4753	40
Muscatine	(DNR) Fairport Hatchery	3390 Hwy. 22	Muscatine	563/263-5062	25
Muscatine	Muscatine CCB	2007 Saulsbury Rd.	Muscatine	563/264-5922	25
Osceola	Osceola Co. Ext.	839 3rd Ave.	Sibley	712/754-3648	24
O'Brien	O'Brien CCB	5660 460th St.	Paullina	712/448-2254	25
Page	Page CCB	Courthouse	Clarinda	712/542-3864	24
Palo Alto	Palo Alto CCB	3529 355th Ave.	Ruthven	712/837-4866	30
Plymouth	Plymouth CCB	25601 C60	Hinton	712/947-4270	25
Pocahontas	Pocahontas CCB	702 NW 7th St.	Pocahontas	712/335-4395	49
Polk	Polk CCB	Jester Park	Granger	515/323-5300	85
Pottawattamie	Pottawattamie CCB	Courthouse Annex	Council Bluffs	712/328-5638	60
Poweshiek	Poweshiek CCB	4896 Stagecoach Rd.	Montezuma	641/623-3191	24
Ringold	(DNR) Mt. Ayr Hatchery	2093 E Loch Ayr Rd.	Mt. Ayr	641/464-3108	30
Sac	Sac CCB	2970 280th St.	Sac City	712/662-4530	30
Scott	Scott CCB	Wapsi River EE Center	Dixon	563/328-3286	48
Shelby	Shelby CCB	516 Maple Rd.	Harlan	712/744-3403	32
Sioux	Sioux CCB	4051 Cherry Ave.	Hawarden	712/552-1047	24
Story	Story CCB	McFarland Park	Ames	515/232-2516	40
Tama	Tama CCB	Otter Creek Park	Toledo	641/484-2231	30
Taylor	Bedford Comm. School	906 Penn St.	Bedford	712/523-2656	24
Union	Union CCB	318 N Pine	Creston	641/782-7111	68
Wapello	Wapello CCB	Pioneer Nature Ctr.	Bloomfield	641/682-3091	48
Warren	Warren CCB	15565 118th Ave.	Indianola	515/961-6169	58
Washington	Washington CCB	2943 Hwy. 92	Ainsworth	319/657-2400	24
Washington	(DNR) Lake Darling St.	110 Lake Darling Rd.	Brighton	319/694-2430	33
Wayne	Wayne Co. Extension	Courthouse	Corydon	641/872-1755	24
Webster	Webster CCB	Kennedy Park	Fort Dodge	515/576-4258	25
Winnebago	Winnebago CCB	34496 110th Ave.	Forest City	641/565-3390	16
Winneshiek	Winneshiek CCB	2546 Lake Meyer Rd.	Ft. Atkinson	563/534-7145	18
Woodbury	Woodbury CCB	4500 Sioux River Rd.	Sioux City	712/258-0838	58
Worth	Worth CCB	503 1st Ave. N	Northwood	641/324-1524	8
Wright	Wright CCB	1768 O'Brien Ave.	Clarion	515/532-3185	33

Total Number Rods and Reels: 3329

Reference Materials

Fish Iowa!: A Teaching Module

Materials include a 93-page instructor's manual with five units that focus on the basics of spincasting, supplemental handouts, videos, posters, and free-loan rods and reels. Materials are provided free of charge through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' Aquatic Education Program. Educators and youth leaders receive the materials through training sessions. For more information, call 641/747-2200.

Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs®

"Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs" is a program for schools and communities which offers students a positive alternative to experimenting with drugs. Through fishing and aquatic education activities for grades K-12, students build self-esteem, life skills, civic responsibility, and improve family and community relationships. They also become caretakers of the environment. Materials include an instructor's manual and parent's guide which are distributed with the *Fish Iowa!* materials.

Iowa Fish and Fishing

A 340-page book which covers all fish species found in the state and the waters they inhabit. Information includes life histories, distribution, and how to catch various fish species. The book is available for \$15.00 from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034.

4-H Fish Iowa Responsible Angling Guide

This 74 page manual is available from your county extension office. It contains information on angling and what it means to be a responsible angler. It will help you understand the sport of fishing and teach you new skills.

Passport to Fishing and Boating Program

The program offers an introduction to a lifetime of recreation for families with little or no previous fishing and boating experience. Six "hands-on" stations with activities focused on fishing, boating, and aquatic stewardship are included. Station topics include fish habitat and handling; boat smart, boat safe; fishing knots and rigging; casting, ready, set, boat; and local information. Materials can be downloaded from www.nationalfishingandboatingweek.org/passport.

Sample Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City : _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

_____ Age of Participant

Release of Liability / Photo Release

As parent or legal guardian of _____ I certify that said individual has my permission to attend and participate in the fishing clinic/program sponsored by _____ to be held on _____, 20____, at _____ from _____ a.m./p.m. until _____ a.m./p.m. In signing this form, I hereby waive and release all other participants, the host, sponsors, and all other officials or parties involved in the event from all claims and/or damage incurred in connection with the event. I also hereby grant the sponsors and co-sponsors the unconditional right to use the name, voice, and photographic likeness of _____ in connection with any of their audio/video productions, articles, or press releases, but not as an endorsement.

Signature, Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Sample News Release

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

May 25, 2007

Contact: Barb Gigar (641/747-2200)

Fishing Clinic Scheduled June 9, 2007

Guthrie Center, IA – A fishing clinic for all ages will be held at Springbrook State Park on June 9, 2007. The free event will be held from 9:00 a.m. until noon by the concession building at the beach. Participants will learn to identify, locate, and catch fish. They will also learn how to clean and cook their catch.

The Fish Lady will be on hand to visit with the youngsters and all participants will receive a tackle pack. Participants should bring along a pop can to make a casting rig and try their luck on the plug golf course!

Interested individuals may pre-register by calling the park or sign-up between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. the day of the event.

Please contact us if you require special accommodations.

Sample Clinic Schedule

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Registration

Have participant guardians complete registration forms. Divide participants into six groups (bass, bluegill, crappie, catfish, walleye, carp) for station rotations. Designate a volunteer or parent/guardian to lead each group through the stations.

9:00 - 9:05

Introduce Presenters

9:05 - 9:20

Session 1

Station

Station #1: Water Safety, Fishing Regulations, and Ethics
 Station #2: Fish Identification
 Station #3: Tackle Types
 Station #4: Knot Tying and Tackle Assembly
 Station #5: Casting, Hooking, and Landing the Catch
 Station #6: Fish Cleaning

Group

Bass
 Bluegill
 Crappie
 Catfish
 Walleye
 Carp

Rotate

9:20 - 9:35

Session 2

Station

Station #1: Water Safety, Fishing Regulations, and Ethics
 Station #2: Fish Identification
 Station #3: Tackle Types
 Station #4: Knot Tying and Tackle Assembly
 Station #5: Casting, Hooking, and Landing the Catch
 Station #6: Fish Cleaning

Group

Carp
 Bass
 Bluegill
 Crappie
 Catfish
 Walleye

Rotate

9:35 - 9:50

Session 3

Station

Station #1: Water Safety, Fishing Regulations, and Ethics
 Station #2: Fish Identification
 Station #3: Tackle Types
 Station #4: Knot Tying and Tackle Assembly
 Station #5: Casting, Hooking, and Landing the Catch
 Station #6: Fish Cleaning

Group

Walleye
 Carp
 Bass
 Bluegill
 Crappie
 Catfish

Rotate

9:50 - 10:05**Session 4****Station**

Station #1: Water Safety, Fishing Regulations, and Ethics
Station #2: Fish Identification
Station #3: Tackle Types
Station #4: Knot Tying and Tackle Assembly
Station #5: Casting, Hooking, and Landing the Catch
Station #6: Fish Cleaning

Group

Catfish
Walleye
Carp
Bass
Bluegill
Crappie

Rotate

10:05 - 10:20**Session 5****Station**

Station #1: Water Safety, Fishing Regulations, and Ethics
Station #2: Fish Identification
Station #3: Tackle Types
Station #4: Knot Tying and Tackle Assembly
Station #5: Casting, Hooking, and Landing the Catch
Station #6: Fish Cleaning

Group

Crappie
Catfish
Walleye
Carp
Bass
Bluegill

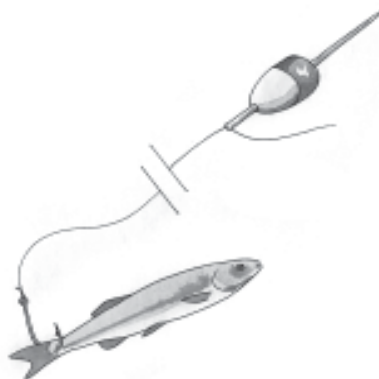
Rotate

10:20 - 10:35**Session 6****Station**

Station #1: Water Safety, Fishing Regulations, and Ethics
Station #2: Fish Identification
Station #3: Tackle Types
Station #4: Knot Tying and Tackle Assembly
Station #5: Casting, Hooking, and Landing the Catch
Station #6: Fish Cleaning

Group

Bluegill
Crappie
Catfish
Walleye
Carp
Bass



10:35 - 10:50

Prepare for Fishing

Gather participants; pair more experienced anglers with novices if parents/guardians are not present. Distribute tackle and review safety procedures as well as how the fish will be handled, etc.

10:50 -11:50

Fishing

Be sure to have plenty of volunteers on hand to assist!

11:50 - Noon

Wrap up

Distribute certificates, tackle packs, handouts, and any other “goodies.”

Dismiss, Have a Safe Trip Home!

